GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ICSSR AND ICHR
Gao Shri Tapir

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Member Secretary in Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) is lying vacant for last several months;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the ICSSR pays special attention to North Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the details about the development works taken up by the ICSSR and ICHR in North Eastern States during last two years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the Memorandum of Association and the Rules of the Indian Council of Historical Research(ICHR), New Delhi, Member Secretary of the Council is appointed by the Council after seeking the approval of the central Government. Since the tenure of the then Council was expiring on 25.03.2005, the Chairman of the Council felt that it would be more appropriate to obtain concurrence of the new Council for the appointment of a regular Member Secretary.

(c): As per the information provided by the Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR), the Council has been providing support for undertaking research and other academic activities in social sciences in the North-Eastern Region.

(d): The ICSSR has spent Rs.175 lakh and Rs.177 lakh for the activities in the North-Eastern Region during the financial years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, respectively. For the current financial year, the ICSSR propose to spend Rs.175 lakh for academic and research activities in the North-Eastern Region. The ICHR have incurred an expenditure of Rs.20.52 lakh and Rs.34.00 lakh on North Eastern Region during the financial year 2003-2004 and 2004- 2005, respectively. During the current financial year, the ICHR have so far spent Rs.6.56 lakh on North-Eastern Region.